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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS IN LUANG NAMTHA PROVINCE

1. THE FEBRUARY 5 EDITION OF NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE MAI" ALLEGES THAT ON JANUARY 26 THAI FORCES BOMBARDED BAN DANE AND BAN HOUEI CHOT IN HOUEI SAI DISTRICT, LUANG NAMTHA (FORMERLY HOUA KHONG) PROVINCE. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE THAI FIRED 75-MM. CANNON AND THAT FOUR ROUNDS FELL ON BAN HOUEI CHOT.

2. "VIENTIANE MAI" ALSO STATES THAT AT NOON OF THE SAME DAY THAI AIRPLANES "VIOLATED LAO AIRSPACE IN OVERFLYING THE TWO VILLAGES."

3. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY BLAMING THE CIA AND THAI REACTIONARIES FOR THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS.

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4. COMMENT: WE, OF COURSE, HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THE

LAO ACCUSATIONS HAVE ANY BASIS IN FACT. IN ANY CASE, THEY INDICATE THAT BORDER INCIDENTS, OR AT LEAST ALLEGATIONS OF SUCH INCIDENTS BY BOTH PARTIES, CONTINUE UNABATED, DESPITE THE VISIT TO BANGKOK LATE LAST MONTH OF LAO DEPUTY INFORMATION MINISTER OUNHEUANE PHOUNSAVATH. MEANWHILE, THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI INDICATED HE WOULD BE FREE TO VISIT VIENTIANE - FEBRUARY 3 TO 5 -- HAS ALMOST EXPIRED WITH NO SIGN OF AN INVITATION TO HIM FROM THE PDRL.

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